

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Present:

Mark Clark, Chairman
Tommy Holland, Vice-Chairman
Pam Bryson
Bridgett Hopkins
Jennifer Murdock
Shawnta Fulton
Jeff Alder, ex-officio
Bill Hopkins, Director of Schools

Also Attending:

Danielle Bradford
Steve Giffin
Eric Jones
Rujena Dotson
Claudia Styles
Tonja Whitenack
Tricia Jean
Montie Dangerfield

Absent:

Isabella Martin, ex-officio
Christine Tuten
Lisa Williams
Adam McCormick

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the January disbursements; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Principals' Reports –

Mrs. Whitenack – introduced Jack Pitcock, a fourth grader at Ralph Askins School, who shared information about what he is learning in school. He noted RAS is celebrating Black History Month with a door decorating contest, requesting that board members, Central Office staff and other school principals participate in the judging. Jack then handed out Valentine's candy to board members.

Mrs. Jean – had FMS student Tyler Goode give the report for her school. Tyler is vice president of the eighth grade class and a member of the 2022-23 FMS football and basketball teams and is looking forward to playing baseball for FMS in the spring. He said the FMS Student Council held a drive to collect items for the Fayetteville Animal Shelter. The school is hosting a Valentine's Day dance planned for Thursday. FMS is also planning a Government Day. Tyler said he appreciated FMS accepting him as a transfer student from Riverside Christian Academy.

Mrs. Jean then addressed the board about the Tiger Exchange, a family pantry that assists families while promoting student attendance. She said FMS is reaching out to the community to request donations to stock the pantry. She said local industries and churches have already started collecting items.

Ms. Dangerfield – In Mr. McCormick’s absence, Ms. Dangerfield introduced the FHS student representative, Bryce Bills, who told the board about the successful student interviews held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. He noted that Feb. 24 is the Agriculture Education Day at FHS, with RAS and FMS students attending. The junior ACT Day is March 7. Boot Camp will be March 4 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at FHS. Freshman Forum and Transition Night will be March 9. Incoming freshmen will have the opportunity to tour FHS and explore course offerings. Bryce also gave details on the district basketball tournament. He noted the Lion King production is March 3-4 and March 10-11.

Supervisors' Reports –

Mr. Jones – introduced Brian Carter with the Fayetteville Rec Department. Mr. Carter said the scoreboard is up at the soccer field. He said an agreement has just been received to allow additional parking on the Lee parking lot side, which will also allow for concession sales. He said baseball sign-ups are underway. In regard to Don Davidson Park, which had been shut down because of flooding, Mr. Carter said work is moving forward to begin construction of platforms for electrical. He is awaiting the arrival of transformers and control panels. Because of a delay in receiving materials, it will most likely be May before the project is finished. The city is also running a new drainage ditch in front of the concession stand.

Mr. Jones reported a massive HVAC project is underway at FHS. He said that RAS has a water source heat pump project ongoing. Units have been ordered. Tentative ship date is April. The new gym units have been craned up on top of the gym. He hopes these are operational a little after Spring Break. Bids were opened last Friday for five additional HVAC units to replace classroom and library units. They should be installed this spring. The new cooling tower at RAS will be craned in place on President’s Day. An engineering firm has been hired to do a feasibility study on replacing a boiler at RAS. The system could save up to 60 percent on fuel costs once the projects are completed. As of today, Mr. Jones said, 51 HVACs have been replaced. Six bids have been done with two left to go. These projects are being funded by ESSER dollars.

The Cosmetology project is coming along slowly, he added. Another big expense that has come in is the grinder pumps at FMS. They have been ordered, and he anticipates they will be installed during Spring Break. Lighting projects through Schneider are about 90 percent complete at FMS and FHS. Contractors should be moving on to RAS in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Jones said there is no additional news on the storm shelter project.

Mrs. Dotson – thanked Coach Murdock for allowing his classroom to be used for the mock interviews. She said it was a successful event. She noted that FCS earned another \$4,400 Utrust grant which is being used for music curriculum. She said another work-based learning grant has been received which will allow FCS to offer dual enrollment health science with TCAT and Math for Meds and Anatomy and Physiology. She said she has been in talks with Ariens about space for a TCAT welding center in their facility.

Mr. Giffin – presented the proposed academic calendar for school year 2023-24. Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve the calendar; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Dr. Styles – reported that pre-k enrollment is open and 31 have picked up forms and are eager to get started. She said supervisors and principals met today about district goals. A survey of fourth and fifth grade parents asking their thoughts on moving fifth grade to the RAS campus has been conducted with 80 percent saying they approve of the move. The majority of the remaining 20 percent were indifferent, and only a couple were against the move. Dr. Styles said the system is working with an organization called Possip to get input from families through surveys. She also noted that a flyer detailing third grade promotion is a really good piece to share with parents.

CFO Report –

Lisa Williams – In Mrs. Williams’ absence, Danielle Bradford presented the January Financial Reports.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation –

Finance – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #15 [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of \$19,335 for project and program management services on the FEMA project, per Recommendation of Payment from Broaddus & Associates; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #16 [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of \$19,335 for project and program management services on the FEMA project, per Recommendation of Payment from Broaddus & Associates; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy – Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to revise Policy 2.805 Purchasing on first reading; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board approve the FHS FFA Chapter trip to State Convention in Gatlinburg on March 19-22. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the trip; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Chairman's Report -

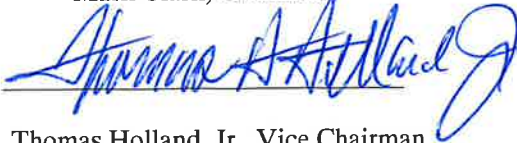
Chairman Clark read a resolution for Principal Appreciation Day held on February 9, 2023. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Clark noted the next meeting of the school board will be held Monday, March 6, 2023, at 5 p.m. The offsite meeting of the board will be held Friday, March 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at Fayetteville Public Utilities.

The meeting was adjourned.



Mark Clark, Chairman



Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams